

In the claims :

Please amend claims 3-18, and 21-37, as follows:

1. (original) An amusement ride including:  
  
a non-continuous track supported over a curved path and extending between a high end and a low end, the track including at least two independent running rails,  
  
at least one carrier arranged to carry at least one rider on each running rail of the track,  
  
the carriers including attachment means arranged to slidably engage with the running rails to enable the carriers to descend carrying the riders from the high end to the low end.
2. (original) An amusement ride as claimed in claim 1 wherein the ride includes a mechanical or other braking system to control the speed of the rider(s) during the descent or at the conclusion of the ride or both.
3. (currently amended) An amusement ride as claimed in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~ wherein the running rails include areas of different slope.
4. (currently amended) An amusement ride as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1 wherein the running rails include twists.
5. (currently amended) An amusement ride as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1 wherein the running rails include barrel rolls.

6. (currently amended) An amusement ride as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1 wherein the track is positioned around the outside of a structure from which the track is supported.

7. (currently amended) An amusement ride as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1 wherein the track is positioned inside a valley or natural feature.

8. (currently amended) An amusement ride as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1 wherein the track is positioned down the side of a hill or sloping surface.

9. (currently amended) An amusement ride as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1 wherein the track is supported partially or totally by cables.

10. (currently amended) An amusement ride as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1 wherein the bottom of the track is close to a means of access to the top of the track.

11. (currently amended) An amusement ride as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 10~~ claim 1 wherein each carrier is slidingly engaged to a running rail by at least one set of wheels.

12. (currently amended) An amusement ride as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 11~~ claim 1 wherein the carrier is lightweight.

13. (currently amended) An amusement ride as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 12~~ claim 1 wherein the running rails are an integral part of the track.

14. (currently amended) An amusement ride as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 13~~ claim 1 wherein not all the running rails have the same shape.

15. (currently amended) An amusement ride as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 13~~ claim 1 wherein all the running rails have the same shape.

16. (currently amended) An amusement ride as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 15~~ claim 1 wherein there is provided a mechanical and/or electrical means to elevate the carriers to the high end of the track.

17. (currently amended) An amusement ride as claimed in ~~any one of claims 6 to 16~~ claim 6 wherein the riders start the ride from a platform at the top of the support structure.

18. (currently amended) An amusement ride as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 17~~ claim 1 wherein the riders are carried in carriers in a substantially prone position.

19. (original) An amusement ride including :
- a track supported over a curved path, the track including a high point and a low point and including at least two independent running rails,
- at least one carrier arranged to carry at least one rider on each running rail of the track in a substantially prone position,
- the carriers including attachment means arranged to slidingly engage with the running rails to enable the carriers to traverse the ride carrying the riders.
20. (original) An amusement ride as claimed in claim 19 wherein the ride includes a mechanical or other braking system to control the speed of the rider(s) during the descent or at the conclusion of the ride or both.
21. (currently amended) An amusement ride as claimed in claim 19 ~~or claim 20~~ wherein the running rails include areas of different slope.
22. (currently amended) An amusement ride as claimed in ~~any one of claims 19 to 21~~ claim 19 wherein the running rails include twists.
23. (currently amended) An amusement ride as claimed in ~~any one of claims 19 to 22~~ claim 19 wherein the running rails includes barrel rolls.

24. (currently amended) An amusement ride as claimed in ~~any one of claims 19 to 23~~ claim 19 wherein the track is positioned around the outside of a structure from which the track is supported.
25. (currently amended) An amusement ride as claimed in ~~any one of claims 19 to 24~~ claim 19 wherein the track is positioned inside a valley or natural feature.
26. (currently amended) An amusement ride as claimed in ~~any one of claims 19 to 24~~ claim 19 wherein the track is positioned down the side of a hill or sloping surface.
27. (currently amended) An amusement ride as claimed in ~~any one of claims 19 to 26~~ claim 19 wherein the track is supported partially or totally by cables.
28. (currently amended) An amusement ride as claimed in ~~any one of claims 19 to 27~~ claim 19 wherein each carrier is slidingly engaged to a running rail by at least one set of wheels.
29. (currently amended) An amusement ride as claimed in ~~any one of claims 19 to 28~~ claim 19 wherein the carrier is lightweight.
30. (currently amended) An amusement ride as claimed in ~~any one of claims 19 to 29~~ claim 19 wherein the running rails are an integral part of the track.

31. (currently amended) An amusement ride as claimed in ~~any one of claims 19 to 30~~ claim 19 wherein the track includes more than two running rails.

32. (currently amended) An amusement ride as claimed in ~~any one of claims 19 to 34~~ claim 19 wherein not all the running rails have the same shape.

33. (currently amended) An amusement ride as claimed in ~~any one of claims 19 to 34~~ claim 19 wherein all the running rails have the same shape.

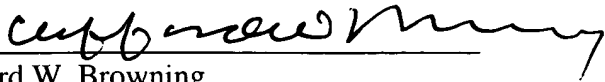
34. (currently amended) An amusement ride as claimed in ~~any one of claims 19 to 33~~ claim 19 wherein the track includes mechanical means to elevate the riders from the low point of the track to the high point of the track from where the riders descend to the low end of the track under gravity.

35. (currently amended) An amusement ride as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 48~~ claim 1 wherein the rides descend the track from the high end of the track to the low end of the track under gravity.

36. (currently amended) An amusement ride as claimed in ~~any one of the claims 1 to 48~~ claim 1 wherein the carriers are propelled along the track by electrical and/or mechanical means.

37. (currently amended) An amusement ride as claimed in ~~any one of claims 19 to~~  
~~33~~ claim 19 wherein the carriers are propelled along the track by electrical or  
mechanical means.

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